

from this company's ethics advisory board last fall because they were using it as a front.

But that should come as no surprise, Mr. Speaker, when you consider what is going on in their labs. These are not the people we want to defend. These are not the people we want to hold up as scientific trailblazers, nor do we want to empower or enable them.

Their actions are more like, Mr. Speaker, the Third Reich, where scientists routinely played God, than the work of visionaries like Copernicus, Galileo, Madame Curie or Jonas Salk.

The Senate must pass the House-passed bill to proscribe cloning.

#### AMERICANS WAITING FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND ENERGY BILLS

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Americans are waiting for desperately needed economic stimulus and energy bills.

Mr. Speaker, the other body has put Americans on hold; on hold for a comprehensive energy bill, on hold for an economic stimulus bill. Both are long past due as evidenced by our growing energy dependence and our deepening recession. The President wisely asked Congress to pass both months ago.

The House passed a comprehensive energy bill in August. The House passed a tax relief bill to spur the economy more than 6 weeks ago. Meanwhile, America is still waiting for the other body to act on both of these high priorities.

How much longer will the other body leadership keep Americans on hold, Mr. Speaker?

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind all Members once again to refrain from encouraging action or inaction in the Senate.

#### TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, a week from tomorrow, we in this House are going to be voting on the very important trade promotion authority that the President of the United States needs. The administration has not had it, the past administration did not have it, it expired in 1994; and because of the fact that it was not there and has not been there, we have been a party to only 2 of the 130 free trade agreements that have been established worldwide in the last several years, basically meaning that the United States

of America has ceded its very important leadership role when it comes to global economic growth.

What is it that we need to do? We need to make sure that we step up to the plate and do everything that we can to militarily provide leadership, geopolitically provide leadership and, yes, economically provide leadership. That is what trade promotion authority is all about. It is an important vote. We will be giving this authority to the President so that he can pry open new markets and find opportunities for U.S. workers and businesses around the world. It is about creating jobs right here in the United States. I hope that a week from tomorrow, in a bipartisan way, we can provide overwhelming support for this very important measure.

#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I must start out by saying I know that we have been admonished not to refer to the other body, but in a bicameral legislative body such as the U.S. Congress, often one side of government will pass legislation that the other side does not pass. That is our situation right now.

This House has passed a Patients' Bill of Rights. This House has passed an education bill. This House has passed a ban on human cloning. And this House has passed a jobs economic stimulus plan. Unfortunately, it is not moving. It has to pass both bodies in order to become law and get the President's signature.

Meanwhile, folks are getting laid off. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off are not getting the benefits that they need. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off and their families are not getting the health care extensions that they need. I hope, as a Christmas present to the American people and to the economy and to all the jobs that are out there at risk, that the other body will in fact pass this job security program so that we can give the American people a very merry Christmas.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Once again Members are reminded not to urge action or inaction in the other body across the Rotunda.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on approving the Journal and then on each remaining motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed yesterday in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approving the Journal, de novo;  
House Concurrent Resolution 77, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2722, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 372, nays 39, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 451]

YEAS—372

Abercrombie	Capito	Eshoo
Ackerman	Capps	Etheridge
Akin	Capuano	Evans
Allen	Cardin	Farr
Andrews	Carson (OK)	Fattah
Armey	Castle	Ferguson
Baca	Chabot	Flake
Bachus	Chambliss	Fletcher
Baker	Clayton	Foley
Baldacci	Clement	Forbes
Baldwin	Clyburn	Fossella
Ballenger	Coble	Frank
Barcia	Collins	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Combest	Frost
Barrett	Condit	Gallely
Bartlett	Conyers	Ganske
Barton	Cooksey	Gekas
Bass	Coyne	Gephardt
Becerra	Cramer	Gibbons
Bentsen	Crenshaw	Gilchrest
Bereuter	Crowley	Gillmor
Berkley	Culberson	Gilman
Berman	Cummings	Gonzalez
Berry	Cunningham	Goode
Biggart	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Bilirakis	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Goss
Blagojevich	Davis, Jo Ann	Graham
Blumenauer	Davis, Tom	Granger
Blunt	Deal	Graves
Boehlert	DeGette	Green (TX)
Boehner	Delahunt	Green (WI)
Bonilla	DeLauro	Greenwood
Bonior	DeLay	Grucci
Bono	DeMint	Gutierrez
Boswell	Deutsch	Hall (OH)
Boucher	Diaz-Balart	Hall (TX)
Boyd	Dicks	Hansen
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Harman
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Hart
Brown (OH)	Dooley	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Hayes
Bryant	Doyle	Hayworth
Burr	Dreier	Herger
Burton	Duncan	Hill
Buyer	Dunn	Hobson
Callahan	Edwards	Hoeffel
Calvert	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Camp	Ehrlich	Holden
Cannon	Emerson	Holt
Cantor	Engel	Honda